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AFRL Rome awards two contracts to Buffalo firm

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ROME, N.Y. —The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded two contracts, with a combined value in excess of \$2 million, to Veridian Engineering Inc. of Buffalo.

The first award, to develop a system that automates information extraction from unstructured text, is a two-year contract valued at \$1,551,738.

"Veridian will develop technology in support of the Joint Warfare Analysis Center of Dahlgren, Va.," said Carrie G. Pine, program manager for the effort. "Intelligence analysts at JWAC are responsible for processing large volumes of unstructured

texts, such as message traffic. By automatically extracting information on entities, relationships and events, the analysts will be able to perform their work faster and more effectively."

The second contract, "HUMINT Extraction and Fusion System," is an 18-month effort valued at \$598,226.

"This research will result in software to extract relevant information from human intelligence (HUMINT) sources such as reports and messages," said Capt. Darwin L. Hemeyer, program manager. "The work will specifically assist intelligence analysts involved in the Targets-Under-Trees program." @